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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTIAGO 9531, SENT SECSTATE, BUENOS AIRES,
INFO USUN 23 NOV:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 9531

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PGOV, CI, AR

SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF RETURNINGCHILEANS

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 9524, (B) SANTIAGO 9452

1. ANA GONZALEZ, GABRIELA BRAVO JARA AND ULDA ORTIZ ARRIVED AT
PUDAHUEL (SANTIAGO) AIRPORT JUST BEFORE NOON NOVEMBER 23. THEY
WERE

RETURNING FROM A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS IN THE US, EUROPE
AND CANADA DETAILING THEIR EFFORTS TO LOCATE THEIR MISSING
HUSBANDS AND GIVING THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT TODAY'S CHILE.

2. UPON ARRIVAL, THE THREE WERE PAGED TO GO TO THE AIRPORT
INTERPOL OFFICES. ONE OF THEM SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH THE VICARIATE
OF SOLIDARITY LAWYER IN THE THE ARRIVAL AREA WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED
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BY SWEDISH CHARGE HAMMARSKJOLD, HIS DEPUTY, DANISH DCM PHILLIPS
AND BRITISH FIRST SECRETARY WEBB. EMBOFF CLARE WAS ALSO AT
AIRPORT (PARA 2, REF B) AND FOLLOWED EVENTS CLOSELY.

3. PLAINCLOTHED POLICE ESCORTED LADIES TO INTERPOL OFFICE ADJACENT
TO MAIN WAITING ROOM. EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS WENT INTO WAITING ROOM
WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY NORWEGAN AMBASSADOR NILSEN. CLARE GOT

JUNIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL (MINISTRY KEEPS YOUNG OFFICER ON STANDBY AT AIRPORT), WHO SPOKE WITH NILSEN AND VICARIATE LAWYER. THE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOOK DOWN FACTS BUT DID NOTHING. MEANWHILE, CLARE BECAME WORRIED THAT WOMEN WOULD BE EXPELLED AND, AS ONLY ONE WITH AIRPORT PASS, ENTERED DEPARTING PASSENGERLOUNGE IN TIME TO SPEAK WITH TRIO WHO WERE THEN BEING POLITELY ESCORTED TO STILL WAITING BRANIFF PLANE.

4. BRAVO ASKED IF US COULD DO ANYTHING TO STAY EXPULSION; CLARE REPLIED THAT EXPULSION WAS SOVEREIGN GOC DECISION WHICH WOULD OF COURSE BE REPORTED. BRAVO SAID THAT SHE AND OTHERS WOULD WANT TO GET OUT OF BUENOS AIRES QUICKLY AND GO BACK TO THE US. CLARE ADVISED THEM TO CONTACT EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES. AS PARTING SHOT, BRAVO ASKED THAT USG BE NOTIFIED AND WAS ASSURED IT WOULD.

5. OUTSIDE TERMINAL, GROUP OF ABOUT 40-50 RELATIVES OF DISAPPEARED HAD GATHERED. VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY HAD CONVEYED TO GOC THE RELATIVES' PROMISE NOT TO DEMONSTRATE AT AIRPORT. NO UNIFORMED POLICE WERE IN EVIDENCE. AS CLARE DEPARTED TERMINAL RELATIVES WERE SPEAKING WITH NILSON AND HAMMARSKJOLD.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: BUENOS AIRES -- LONG PHONE DELAY. PLEASE LOCATE EXPELLED TRIO ASAP.
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